# Youth and Food Security, Nutrition, Resilience and Water Security, Sanitation and Hygiene



Project Title	Youth and Food Security, Nutrition, Resilience and Water Security, Sanitation and Hygiene
Project	Help strengthen youth contributions to resilient food systems! You will work closely with the USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security Senior Youth Advisor to analyze and report trends and knowledge about youth and food security, resilience, nutrition and water security, sanitation and hygiene.
Country	United States

### **Project Description**

To achieve the objectives of the U.S. Government's Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS) and A Food Secure 2030 vision, and U.S. the Water for the World Strategy, we need to harness the creativity and energy of the world's largest generation of young people ever. Youth populations are growing at a rapid pace in developing countries: between now and 2030, 440 million young Africans will enter the labor market. At the same time, food systems are under heavy pressure. By 2050, the world will need 50 percent more food to feed a population of over 9.7 billion. Youth are essential partners on the journey to self-reliance. This journey is long, and young people must get involved as early as possible to help build the structural and agricultural transformations needed to move beyond foreign assistance. Young people are also critical to global stability, economic growth and development today and into the future.

Youth empowerment and livelihoods are critical to achieving each of the GFSS objectives: 1) inclusive and sustainable agriculture-led growth, 2) strengthened resilience among people and systems, and 3) a well-nourished population, especially among women and children. Interns involved in this project will support the work of the USAID/RFS in strengthening youth contributions to inclusive development, also in line with the USAID Youth in Development Policy the Agency's Positive Youth Development approach. Intern/s will:

- Conduct trend analyses, including within the context of COVID-19, desert locust infestations and other emerging threats, of key youth development indicators based on data available for USAID RFS priority countries.
- Update RFS information on the landscape of activities undertaken to engage youth in Feed the Future and other programming.
- Prepare research and issue briefs on topics related to youth and food systems, with a focus on agriculture-led growth (including systems approaches), resilience, nutrition and water security, sanitation and hygiene.
- Research and write brief stories describing program approaches and impact, capturing in particular the voices and experiences of young people in collaboration with points of contact in USAID country missions.
- Conduct literature reviews on relevant topics such as youth-focused market systems change approaches to agriculture-led growth and youth and water security.
- Suggest assignments based on interns' own areas of interest and expertise as relevant to RFS inclusive

## **Required Skills or Interests**

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Cultural diplomacy
Data analysis
Data visualization
Economic analysis
Editing and proofreading
GIS expertise
Graphic design
Infographic design
Political Analysis
Research
Social media management
Storytelling/blogging/vlogging
Survey / polling design
Writing

#### **Additional Information**

Up to three interns will work on this project. Internships are the most successful when they involve not only the completion of a set of tasks outlined by the requesting agency but when they also offer opportunities for interns to propose ideas in line with their unique interests. Each intern will thus be welcome to propose and potentially pursue tasks they believe will support attention to youth in any area of the RFS's work. For more information, please see: https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/transformation-at-usaid/fact-sheets/bureau-resilience-and-food-security-rfs

## **Language Requirements**

None